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GIRLS OUTCLASS MEN IN GRADES FOR SEMESTER

Sororities Lead Fraternities in Scholarship—Four Highest of Each Class Girls

From the final survey of the grades for last semester, it is plainly seen that the men are far outclassed by the girls in scholarship. No boys placed among the four highest averages in each class.

The seniors upheld their dignity by taking first place in the class standings with an average of B-. They were closely followed by the lowly freshman, who placed second with a high C+. The juniors and sophomores follow in close succession with low C+'s.

The highest individual average in the university was obtained by Miss Pearl Berry of the sophomore class, who made a straight A average. Chapel grades were taken into consideration in averaging the grades.

Honor Roll

The honor, composed of the four students having the highest average in his respective class, is as follows:

Seniors: Maxine Foshier, B+; Juanita Peterson, B+; Mildred Andrews, B+; Grace Wells, B+.

Freshmen: Louise Chaloupka, A-; Irene Chaloupka, A-; Christine Steyer, A-; Loyilla Hopper, A-; and Alice Jacobson, A-.

Juniors: Merriam Rau, A-; Margaret Fischer, B+; Herma Zentmeyer, B+; Kathleen Prather, B+.

Sophomores: Pearl Berry, A; Ethel Grace Hart, A-; Attola Wurmbach, A-; Mildred Thomsen, A-.

Sororities Lead Frats

Sororities lead the fraternities in scholastic averages for the last semester, Sigma Chi Omicron ranking highest with an average of B-.

Next to the Sig Chi's, in close sequence, are Pi Omega Pi, Gamma Sigma Omicron, Kappa Psi Delta, and Phi Delta Psi.

Theta Phi Delta, ranking as the highest frat, comes next and is followed by Alpha Sigma Lambda and Phi Sigma Phi.

Low chapel grades tended to bring the average down in most instances, according to office records.

Below are the ratings of the Fraternities, and sororities in the school.

The fractions following the grades indicate the degree to which the grade is above the minimum of that grade. For instance, B- is between 85 and 88. A grade of B- plus 4/12 would be approximately 86.

Sigma Chi Omicron B- plus 7/15.

Pi Omega Pi B- plus 4/12.

Gamma, Sigma Omicron C+ plus 10/12.

Kappa Psi Delta C+ plus 13/10.

Phi Delta Phi C+ even.

Theta Phi Delta C plus 13/17.

Alpha Sigma Lambda D+ plus 12/15.

Phi Sigma Phi D plus 5/16.

The average for all the Greeks is nearly exactly C+.

The classes average as follows:

Seniors: C+ plus 13/16, or nearly B-.

Juniors: C+ plus 9/17.

CLASS DISCUSSES SUBJECT OF GATEWAY CONTEST

"What Can I Do To Make the University of Omaha a Better School," is the subject of the essay contest which is being conducted by the Gateway. This contest closes April 15, and to date no great number of essays have been submitted.

Dr. Vartanian threw open part of the period of Bible II, last Thursday, to an open discussion on the subject.

In the course of the discussion opinions were brought out which have been circulating in the student body for some time.

"No school spirit," said a freshman (the class is made up mostly of freshmen).

"I was never in a school where they didn't talk about the lack of school spirit," asserted Dr. Vartanian.

Lack of buildings and equipment was also given as a reason for the inferiority complex of this school, and discussion of this led to the question of the real purpose for attending a university.

BOYS WILL FINISH MEDIC COURSE IN THREE YEARS

Last year Sherman and Harvey Pinto completed a two year course as premedics in the University of Omaha, took extra work, and collected 73 credits apiece, 9 credits in excess of the required work for entrance in to Nebraska Medical school.

Now they will be able to complete the medical course at Nebraska in three years, announces Mrs. Pinto, mother of the two boys, because of the worth of the Omaha credits. It will be necessary to take a little extra work, but if it were not for the University credits, the one year cut would not be possible.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS COMES TO UNIVERSITY

A. A. Reed, professor at the University of Nebraska State Teachers' College, and Herbert Cushing, secretary of the Nebraska Board of Examiners, visited the University of Omaha last Thursday. They were here for a general consultation on educational matters, pertaining to next year's curriculum for student teachers.

Both are members of the State Board of Examiners, revived by Superintendent J. W. Taylor. Lunch for these two University of Omaha guests was served in the domestic science department.

Sophomores: C+ plus 9/60.

Freshmen: C+ plus 41/163.

By classes the average for the school is C+ plus 38/100, or about 82. Student for student, the average would be somewhat lower, about 81.5. Thus we see the Sigma Chi's way above average, with a grade equivalent of about 87. All of the sororities are average or above, while all the fraternities are below average. The average for the school is about 1% higher than the average for the total average of the Greeks.

"RIVAL GHOSTS" WILL BE PRODUCED THURSDAY

Omaha University will soon be initiated into the mysteries of "Rival Ghosts," as it has been announced for presentation the two nights of April 7 and 9.

"Rival Ghosts" is a comedy in three acts and its lines are filled with mystery, love and humor. The entire cast has worked diligently and the play promises an enjoyable hour for all who attend.

The cast of "Rival Ghosts" is as follows: Ruth Betts, as Letitia, the housemaid; LaVerne Woods and Helen Batchelor as Cynthia and Evaline, summer guests at a summer resort; Henry Moeller and Don Jones as Colonel Rankin and Professor Gibbs, fathers, respectively, of Cynthia and Evelyn; Cliff Hansen as Bert Miller, the rude real estate agent; Elwood Wilmoth, as Gill Hawkins; Walter Woerner and Tom Bigelow as Vincent Langley and Donald Gibbs, the sweethearts; John Herzog as Jasper Green, the colored boy; and Leah Daubenheyer as Clementina, the colored maid.

WALTER HUBER WINS DEBATE SALE PRIZE

A doreen is a useful implement, says Walter Huber, who won the prize last week for selling the most tickets to the debates, but a \$2 one has just as much utility as a \$20 one.

If it had been between a bill-fold, and a doreen, he might have taken the doreen at that, he said; "I would have a place to put it," he added with a wink. However, there are three pieces to the leather set, and as I said before, every drug store sells doreens for \$2 besides there are so many cheap imitations on the market that this might not be appreciated to its full value."

Mr. Huber sold \$20.50 worth of tickets, far overtopping his competitors, the nearest ones being Merle Mennie, and Le Roy Denton of the law school, who sold about \$8.00 worth apiece.

VARSITY BALL TO BE HELD IN LIGHTHOUSE

Hey! Hey! Varsity Ball! Everyone invited!

The O-Club of the University of Omaha is sponsoring a subscription dance to be held on April 20th at the Lighthouse Ballroom. The Phi Chi orchestra, five pieces, will play. Admission is one dollar per couple, seventy-five cents for stags. The proceeds from this dance are to be used by the newly organized O-Club to purchase record books and other necessary equipment to keep complete accounts of the records of past, present and future athletes in the school.

PROFESSOR SULLENGER SPEAKS TO DUNDEE P. T. A.

Professor T. E. Sullenger, head of the sociology department of the University of Omaha, spoke at the Dundee Parent-Teachers' Association on Tuesday evening, on "The Value of Properly Directed Recreation."

PLAN GALA DAY PAGEANT, ACTS, ATHLETIC MEETS

Will Elect May Queen and Attendants April 29. Vaudeville Tryouts May 4.

With May 20th set as the date for Gala Day, and organization committees appointed, plans are being made for an interesting and successful program for the entire day.

Mrs. Baumeister, who has had much experience along that line, will have charge of the coronation festivities and dances. The pageant this year will be in story form, built around the traditional maypole. The place of the pageant has not yet been definitely decided, for attempts are being made to secure a larger place than Kountze Park, the usual scene of these festivities.

Clifford Hansen will have charge of tickets, publicity and the programs for Gala Day.

Arrangements for holding open house are under the direction of Olga Plouzek and Audrey Groves, who will also have charge of the decorations. Costumes and properties will be taken care of by Merle Mennie and Ellen Ann Stader.

Julius Reader, assisted by Kenneth Strawn, will be stage manager, and Max Wright has been appointed electrician.

Lucille Fugate and Arthur Funk have charge of women's and men's athletics, respectively, and will arrange for preliminary tournaments.

An augmented orchestra, composed of players from Central or Technical high schools will play, and the members of the O club will act as ushers for the evening performance.

Three of the class representatives have been elected: June Guilbert, junior; Art Kastman, sophomore; and Bill McGraven, freshman. The senior representative has not yet been chosen.

Anyone wishing to submit an act should have it ready to read by April 15, and first tryouts will be held May 4. Any individuals or organization in the university is eligible.

The Queen of May, her attendants, and the most representative students in the university will be selected in a popularity contest Friday, April 29th. Polls will be open from nine o'clock in the morning until four in the afternoon.

Boys will vote for girls and girls for boys to determine the most popular, best looking, best dancers, cutest cleverest, best athletes, and best all-around students in the school.

KASTMAN ELECTED TO GALA DAY COMMITTEE

Arthur Kastman, '29, was elected representative of the sophomore class on the Central Committee for Gala Day at the sophomore class meeting held in the gym last Wednesday at 12:15 P. M.

The meeting has been called "interesting" by many who attended, since politics, tempers, and diplomacy were mixed to a degree that could hardly be called anything but "hot."

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EDITORIALS

APRIL

April is the month of showers, college performances, mid-term exams, and student inertia. The inertia is caused by spring fever and by the general let-down that comes toward the end of the school year. But April offers a stimulant in the enlivening of activities—Dramatic club play, Varsity Varieties, elections, O-club hop, Junior Prom and other events.

All of these are student enterprises and look to the student body for support. They are the steps leading up to the climax—Gala Day and Commencement. They are the beginning of the end of the school year, they are what will be longest remembered by the students. Every student must get behind these affairs and finish the school year with a bang! Let's remember April and May, 1927, as the peppiest and best months of the college year.

THE GREEKS

Alpha Sigma Lambda

The hike this last week end was a huge success: as we discovered excellent material in sculling canoes. Too bad there isn't a Varsity crew at Omaha or we would show some mean talent along this line.

The "Gala Day" and "Varsity Varieties" acts are coming along so well as to guarantee a premier exhibition of the year.

Gamma Sigma Omicron

If it didn't rain last night, we had a good time out at Mennie's shack at King's Lake; if it did, we'll have it later.

Phi Sigma Phi

Phi Sigma Phi held a meeting at the home of Duane Hutchinson, Monday evening. The main subject under discussion was the act for Gala Day.

Theta Phi Delta

Rain has put the skids under Hugo's plan for making a tennis court between Omaha and Cathoun. Darn.

We couldn't muster up a quorum last meeting night, so Julie Reader showed us how to play hearts. Rare business is slated for next meeting.

Sigma Chi Omicron

Miss Margaret Carmichael, a student of the University of Nebraska, entertained a few of her friends at a bridge party Saturday afternoon, April 2, at her home.

Phi Delta Psi

The Phi Delta met at the home of Marie Humphreys last Monday evening. The dance turned out to be

an April fool joke after all, but things might be worse. Who knows what the future will bring? There's still the spring dance to look forward to. Can't see where Spring has made any chance in the Phi Deltas.

Pi Omega Pi

The Pi O's gave a cozy at the Fontenelle Friday.

Eloise Margaret, president of the alumnae chapter, entertained the cabinet members of both chapters at her home Friday evening.

REV. VANDERLIPPE RECITES POEMS IN CHAPEL MONDAY

"My memory is far from perfect," said Rev. A. B. Vanderlippe, pastor of the Florence Presbyterian Church, in Assembly Monday. He then proceeded to repeat the whole of Bryant's "Thanatopsis" from memory, and followed it with other poems from Goethe's "Faust," from Joseph Jefferson, and Walt Whitman.

"I have no special secret of learning poetry," he told a reporter. "Except just plain practice, which is about the only method to follow to be good in anything."

JUNIORS INVITE STUDENTS TO PROM SATURDAY NIGHT

Invitations to each of the classes and to the faculty have been issued by the junior class for their annual Junior Prom to be held April 8th. Mary Cooper's Studio has been selected for the dance, and the Harmo-Jazz orchestra will furnish the music.

The junior prom is given each year in honor of the graduating seniors, and the entire student body is invited.

OUR NEIGHBORS

"O good gigantic smile o' the brown old earth." Robert Browning expresses for us the change "the brown old earth" has undergone through the advent of spring.

Spring makes possible such events as Creighton's annual field day which will be held Tuesday May 3. There will be seven events and several ceremonies.

Students whose leadership in the classroom and in campus activities has been outstanding during the present school year at Midland College will receive public recognition for their work at an all-college banquet to be held on "Honor Day."

Cotner college will present a Variety Show April 8, similar to that which will be presented by the University of Omaha.

"Sweethearts," an operetta by Victor Herbert, was presented with great success by the students of Hastings College. Plans are now being made to take the operetta on a tour through Nebraska during the summer vacation.

"The Minstrel's Dream" was given by the Women's athletic association of Kearney State Teachers College. A cast of 100 girls put on the pageant.

An operetta called "Heartless House" was recently given by the Y. W. C. A. of Park college Parkville, Missouri.

OMAHA'S POSTMASTER SPEAKS TO STUDENTS

"There is something in the soul of a believer in God which fits him to be a real leader or successful business man," asserted Dean Ringer, postmaster of the Omaha postoffice, in Assembly last Friday.

That fact is born out by statistics compiled by Rogers Babson in regard to Jerome's "Who's Who".

"Sons of preachers have the largest chance to succeed. In comparison with unskilled laborers they have 2400 chances. The son of a farmer 25 chances, the son of a business man four, and the son of a lawyer, two."

He suggested cooperation as a remedy for all disadvantages that an individual might have. "Combine your resources with those of someone who has different talents, and the result will be satisfaction."

Mr. Ringer spoke once before to the University students seven years ago.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The New York Evening Post offers ten dollars for every article published by them written by college students, explaining the present wave of despondency and depression that is attacking students throughout the country. One hundred dollars additional will be awarded the writer of the best article.

Mrs. Ollard entertained the Girls' Glee Club Thursday afternoon, at a party in the music room, Jacobs Hall.

Professor T. B. Sullenger had his treatise on divorce in Douglas county published in last Sunday's World-Herald magazine section.

RUSTY HINGES

Hello, Folks? Few students get through any college without dollars and sense.

A dumb Dora is one who puts two special delivery stamps on a letter and expects it to get there twice as fast.

Even a man with insomnia may have trouble with his feet going to sleep.

Bare knees are a luxury now days—try and get hold of one!

A petter is one who embraces his opportunity.

Aristotle may have been a great man in his day, but he's a bust now.

Never swear before a lady—let her swear first!

Because a man doesn't let grass grow under his feet is no sign he's a sailor.

When she wants a heater in the coupe you know the honeymoon is over!

Army men aren't always polite when they're fighting a civil war.

Some window panes aren't what they're cracked up to be.

"That's a hot one," said the girl as she dropped the curling iron on her neck.

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Tee.

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LEGAL TENDER

Harry Johnson was back to school after several days of illness.

The class in legal psychology is creating much interest among the senior students. It furnishes plenty of food for argument. Among the first to take exception to the instructor's theory is Miss McDeavitt, who persistently disagrees with the best psychological appeal in connection with domestic relations tangles.

As a comment on Miss McDeavitt's opinion, Harry Long is qualified to state that the domestic relations cases offer plenty of material for complications. Harry speaks from authority, as he has been in the harness 10 years.

Bill Luce is forever expounding his theories, which are different than those laid down by the authorities. If it were not for him, Mr. Rogers would have the whole class believing that the book was absolutely correct. Lambda Phi will hold initiations at the home of Herb Fischer next Thursday. Pledges! Don't forget to bring your asbestos trousers.

The regular editor of the Legal tender column took a vacation last Saturday, and was unable to get the usual dirt in. He promises to do double duty next time, however.

O. U. C. C.

The famous Lone Oak Tree was the rendezvous of thirty hikers from the O. U. C. C. last Wednesday evening. The hikers left the Florence carline at 6:30 P. M. and followed the winding river road to the Lone Oak. Mr. Crenshaw and Arthur Sackett had arrived with the cars containing the eats for the evening. Rhey had built a fire which was ready for the hikers when they arrived.

The committee had secured a small coop of candied chickens as prizes. Arthur Sackett, the president of the club, was supposed to make the speech, but being ignorant of the plan and having possession of the chickens, the temptation was too great for the president. He ate the chickens, but left the coop. Impeachment proceedings now pending.

Taking it all in all, this was one of the most successful hikes of the year for the O. U. C. C.

The new officers for the O. U. C. C. are: President, Dorothy Gowe; Vice-President, Irene Corbaly; Secretary, Marie Freitag; Treasurer, Mrs. Dora Owens.

Grant Hofeldt, was awarded a Smith certificate for thirty-four words.

MISS BARNES ATTENDS REGISTRARS INSTITUTE

Miss Beth Barnes, registrar of the University of Omaha, left last Friday evening for Lexington, Kentucky where she is spending the present week at the National Institution for College Registrars.

Next week she will attend the National Convention of College Registrars at Atlanta, Georgia.

A rapper's dress reaches the knees; It always looks like she would freeze. When the icy winds blow Down the street she will go, But it's seldom one hears rappers freeze.—H. G.

PIN QUESTION VEXES CHEMISTRY SOCIETY

As a continuation of the stormy session held the week before, the Gamma Pi Sigma honorary chemistry fraternity again met last Friday and discussed the question of pins.

Robert Myers, chairman of the pin committee, with the skill of a true artist drew the proposed design on the board; it is in the form of a key, with a beaker forming the body of the emblem, and with a raised burner below the letters of the organization.

The design of the pin was accepted without question; but the real trouble came when Floyd Johnson made a motion to have the pin drawn to scale; the boys immediately insisted that it be a key charm and the girls as vehemently insisted on a smaller affair to be worn as a pin.

There could be no compromise, as having dies made for both kinds of pins would be prohibitively expensive; so the question was deferred until the next meeting, when a bid from an out of town firm will have been received.

At the meeting the week before the club decided against giving pledge pins for four hour honor members until next semester, as most of the charter members would now only qualify to be pledges. Differentiation of the degrees has yet to be worked out.

OMAHA-WYOMING VARSITY MEN DEBATE PROHIBITION

Our debaters are still fighting any change in the Volstead act. Whether they are truthfully all-for-prohibition or not their arguments are forcefully convincing each debate they undertake.

"Resolved that the Volstead Act Should Be Modified to Permit Sale of Light Wines and Beer," was the issue of the night, Wednesday, March 30, in the debate with the University of Wyoming. The Wyoming debaters on the affirmative, were Alfred Pence and Herbert Lebert. Our debaters were Byron Dunham and Walter Huber.

The audience voted before and after the debate on the side of the question they stood; not on the merits of the speakers. The vote after the debate showed a slight gain on the negative side. Then, too, the audience took part in an open forum debate, during which Don Jones, LeRoy Denton, Donald Butler, Mr. Gray from Technical High School, and others expressed opinion both pro and con.

PRESENT STUDENTS' LOAN FUND FOR APPROVAL

The Webster Loan Fund plan for students has been completed and is now ready to be presented to the board of trustees for its approval. The application form will then be sent to the press.

Within a short time these blanks will be available to students desiring to get loans from the fund.

SPEAKERS TELL Y. M. C. A. INDUSTRIAL EXPERIMENTS

Miss Elaine Smith and Miss Lillian Yasa were on the program at Y. M. C. A. on Tuesday morning. Miss Smith played two piano selections, and Miss Yasa told the girls about the industrial experiments being carried on in the state.

MUSIC

Schleh has issued a call for an orchestra from the students of the university. This orchestra is to be used in the pit during the Varsity Varieties to be held soon. Six to eight instruments are required. Violins, cornet, clarinet, saxophone, cello and drums. See Schleh at once for further information.

The "Varsity Varieties" is to be more or less a musical revue and at present a good jazz orchestra, Schleh says, is badly needed. If you or your friend can get in touch with an orchestra just get that act to going and in the meantime notify Schleh or the program committee of the fact. The hotter and snappier the act the better.

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TRACK, TENNIS FINALS WILL BE PLAYED MAY 18

According to present plans, an elaborate athletic program will be held in connection with Gala Day. Finals in the tennis tournament and the annual interclass track meet will be among the features of the day.

Entries for the tennis tournaments are piling up rapidly and by the time the entry lists close April 6, more are expected.

In tennis there will be men's singles, men's doubles, mixed doubles, women's singles and women's doubles. A silver loving cup will go to the winner of both the man and woman championships and blue ribbons will go to the winners in the other classes.

For the first time, a golf tournament for the men will be held to determine the U. of O.'s champion niblick wielder. A silver loving cup goes with the honor and the already large entry list gives the assurance that there will be some keen competition. Finals in the event will be held May 18, as it will not conflict with Gala Day.

Everyone who enters these tournaments are urged to enter into the spirit of the thing and play off their matches in the allotted time. A definite date has been set for the completion of each round and all matches not played by that date will be forfeited by the one most at fault.

Besides these tournaments, the annual Gala Day interclass track and field meet will be held. Twelve events are on schedule and the winners in each event will be given blue ribbons. The high point man of the meet will receive a gold medal.

FRAMED LOVE WREATH HAS HISTORICAL VALUE

Much interest is directing students to inquire about a wreath dated 1887 that hangs preserved in a frame outside the basement study room. It has combined into a floral plan many tiny colorful rocks, bits of mica and thousands of glazed seeds. The artistic plan is that of a natural wreath made of flowers intertwined with festive sprays and encircling two dainty love birds—possibly a betrothal symbol.

A similar wreath hangs in George Washington's bedroom at Mount Vernon.

This is a sample of floral crafts of an earlier time—unequaled in modern design. The wreath came from the late Mrs. M. O. Maul benefactor of the University and known among many as one of the University of Omaha's "Fairy God Mothers" who endowed our school with \$50,000 plus many valuable and interesting relics and articles of former use in her own life time.

Before her death she gave Jacobs Hall to the University as a memorial to her beloved son John Jacobs.

No doubt, the love-wreath was a symbol in the life of this dear woman. The Spanish know a custom of scattering seeds on the ground in the path of a couple just married—symbolizing the development and endurance of happiness. The meaning of the seeds in the love-wreath suggests this same message—love eternal along with beauty.

TRACK PROSPECTS

Bad Weather Fails to Check Practice at North High

Although somewhat handicapped by inclement weather, Coach Bradfield took his tracksters nearly every afternoon up to North high school to work out on the Viking cinder track.

He has entered a full team in the Nebraska College relays to be held at Hastings, April 16, and as a result has been working overtime to get his men in shape.

At present, it looks as if Omaha's strong fort will be in the half mile, mile, and medley relays. Some good sprinters are being uncovered in the early workouts. Time trials will probably be held next week so that the team can be chosen and then work together.

A dearth of half milers makes it improbable that a two mile relay team will be taken to Hastings. Any man who displays marked ability in any of the field events or the hurdles will be taken along and given the chance to compete against the best in the state.

**"VARSITY VARIETIES"
ACTS BEING SCHEDULED**
"Varsity Varieties," the annual show sponsored by the University of Omaha Y. M. C. A. is progressing rapidly and indications are that it will be an even bigger success than it was last year.

Homer Schleh has been appointed chairman of the production; he has been working hard and reports that he has several good acts scheduled already.

Among the acts submitted are a double piano act with Xenia Fouts and Ed Kahn, noted Omaha jazz artist. Miss Fouts will also play in another act for three girls who will present some novel dances.

Ruth Betts, senior, who has had much experience in solo dancing will appear in an act with the gym class.

The Y. W. C. A. is working on a play which promise will be good; the long and the short of the school, in other words, Hugo Carroll and Henry Peterson are working on a front stage act.

Carl Stromberg, Homer Schleh and Ben Prather, the three preachers' sons, are going to put on an act concerning college life. Several other acts will be submitted later, and the committee promises an interesting evening of entertainment.

In a section of "The American Eagle," the school publication of American University, Washington, D. C., is printed this: "The pessimist is a person who is seasick during the entire voyage of life." Accordingly, activities of the students of this college dispel any such pessimistic atmosphere.

For the first time in the history of Hastings college, the forensic activities include a women's debate team. The women are going forward.

One hundred and nine women hold professional degrees from Creighton University.

Realism has hit the University of Oregon. "The playwriting class is experimenting with Oregon material, bits of everyday life about them, instead of scouring the four corners of the earth for themes," reports Mrs. Alice H. Ernst, professor of English. Oregon is full of interesting theme material.

The third sentence in the annual report of President Butler of Columbia university contains 1,743 words.

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